



LEONARD "SMITTY" SMITH, wearing the uniform and insignia of the 761st Battalion. (COURTESY LEONARD SMITH)



2nd LIEUTENANT JOHN Roosevelt "Jackie" Robinson, while serving in the 9th Cavalry, the famed "Buffalo Soldiers," before his transfer to the 761st. (COURTESY RACHEL ROBINSON)



LEONARD SMITH AND comrades in the 761st. (COURTESY LEONARD SMITH)

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 761st Tank Battalion, Camp Claiborne, 1943.





